

HOUSE RESOLUTION 55

By Staples

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Vine Middle Magnet School on winning the Knox County Middle School basketball tournament.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletic teams and their coaches who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary team is the Vine Middle Magnet School Golden Bears basketball team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2016-2017 season and capped the year by winning the prestigious Knox County Middle School basketball tournament; and

WHEREAS, the only magnet middle school in the Knox County school system, Vine Middle Magnet School focuses on science, technology, engineering, math, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, playing against top-seeded Powell Middle School in the championship game, the Golden Bears roared to a huge win and claimed championship laurels with a 37-28 victory; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Bears' Javaree Roebuck was named the tournament MVP and was joined on the all-tournament team by teammates Izaiah Bredwood and A.J. Pruitt; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous team enjoyed the extraordinary leadership and passion for the game of basketball of Coach Jerel Heyward, who has led the Golden Bears to four tournament championships during his coaching tenure; and

WHEREAS, the young men of the Vine Middle Magnet School basketball team displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance and, with the help of their coaches, parents, teachers, school administrators, supporters, and many fans, represented their school and the State of

Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the basketball court;
and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship season, the coaches and members of the Vine Middle Magnet School boys' basketball team etched their names into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable basketball season, but also surely point toward their success in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Coach Jerel Heyward and the members of the Vine Middle Magnet School Golden Bears boys' basketball team for their astounding success on the basketball court during the 2016-2017 season, including winning the Knox County Middle School basketball tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.